

FACT SHEET: Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4

- Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 (Villines) is the first truly independent redistricting reform measure that has been introduced this year.
- Under ACA 4, an independent citizens' commission will be created, charged with redrawing the district boundaries for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization, and California's delegation to the U.S. Congress.
- Eleven registered California voters will serve on the independent citizens' commission, comprised of 4 Democrat members, 4 Republican members, and 3 members who are not affiliated with either of the two major political parties.
- Commissioners will be selected to ensure both urban and rural populations, and the gender, ethnic and geographic diversity of California are represented on the commission.
- Individuals who are currently or have in the past served as an elected official, candidate for office, government employee, lobbyist or political party official, and their immediate family members, are ineligible to serve on the commission.
- ACA 4 is the only redistricting measure introduced to date that has no legislative involvement whatsoever in the selection of the commissioners. Rather, the commissioners will be selected in a series of random drawings conducted by the Registrars of Voters of California's 58 counties and the Secretary of State.
- Two random drawings will determine the 11 commissioners. First, the 58 county elections officials will each randomly generate a list of 1,000 registered voters or 5 percent of the total registered voters in the county, whichever is less. These lists will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.
- The Secretary of State will combine the lists from the 58 counties, and randomly generate a list of names from that pool, all of whom meet the criteria for membership.
- The Secretary will then contact each of the individuals to determine if they are willing and able to serve on the commission, and go through the list until 11 commissioners have been selected. These names will be kept confidential with the Secretary of State.
- ACA 4 establishes new criteria for the drawing the district boundaries:
 - Communities of interest must be kept together in the same district whenever possible.
 - State Senate districts will be drawn to be comprised of two Assembly districts.
 - Seats must be drawn to maximize political competition between the political parties whenever possible.